

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A frame for ~~a participant~~ one or more participants to communicate expressive information with other participants in a meeting, the frame comprising:

sub-areas each dedicated to a specific aspect of the meeting, wherein the sub-areas are not distinct frames within a larger frame, and wherein displaying an icon in a first sub-area conveys a different expressive information from displaying the icon in a second sub-area, and

~~a personal information section, wherein the personal information section contains a name of the participant;~~

~~one or more icons, indicating inputs and reactions of the participant related to a subject matter or other aspects of the meeting, wherein the inputs include pictorial and textual inputs; and~~

~~one or more annotation banners containing comments or questions of the participant, wherein the frame containing the expressive information is transmitted to the other participants through a computer network system to advance communication for the meeting.~~

2. (original): The frame of claim 1, wherein the frame singularly represents multiple participants at one of multiple sites.

3. (currently amended): The frame of claim 1, wherein the frame further comprises:

a personal information section, wherein the personal information section contains a name and a still or video picture of the participant;

one or more icons, indicating inputs and reactions of the participant related to a subject matter or other aspects of the meeting, wherein the inputs include pictorial and textual inputs; and

one or more annotation banners containing comments or questions of the participant.

4. (currently amended): The frame of claim ~~43~~, wherein the inputs further include audible input.

5. (currently amended): The frame of claim ~~43~~, further comprising a callout box for status comments.

6. (currently amended): The frame of claim 1, wherein the one or more icons have a default fade rate.

7. (original): The frame of claim 1, wherein the frame is color coded, and wherein different color represents different expressive information.

8. (original): The frame of claim 1, wherein the frame and lines around the frame change in size, shape, color, and style to convey the expressive information.

9. (cancelled).

10. (original): The frame of claim 1, further comprising predefined standard annotations that can be selected from a menu, wherein the predefined standard annotations are configurable.

11. (currently amended): A computer network system for communicating expressive information for meetings, the computer network system comprising:

a plurality of computers that include display devices and audio output devices;

a plurality of frames positioned on the display devices, wherein each frame comprises: sub-areas each dedicated to a specific aspect of the meeting, wherein the sub-areas are not distinct frames within a larger frame, and wherein displaying an icon in a first sub-area conveys a different expressive information from displaying the icon in a second sub-area;

~~a personal information section, wherein the personal information section contains a name of a participant;~~

~~one or more icons, indicating inputs or reactions of the participant related to a subject matter or other aspects of the meeting, wherein the inputs include pictorial and textual input; and~~

~~one or more annotation banners containing comments or questions of the participant; and~~

a network that transmits the plurality of frames, whereby multiple participants can communicate the expressive information through the plurality of frames.

12. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein the inputs further include audible input.

13. (currently amended): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein each frame further comprises:

a personal information section, wherein the personal information section contains a name of a participant;

one or more icons, indicating inputs or reactions of the participant related to a subject matter or other aspects of the meeting, wherein the inputs include pictorial and textual input;
and

one or more annotation banners containing comments or questions of the participant,
wherein the icon indicating reactions of the participant has a default fade rate.

14. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames are color coded, and wherein different color represents different expressive information.

15. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames and lines around the frames change in size, shape, color, and style to convey expression.

16. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of the frames are listed on the display devices and can be selectively enlarged.

17. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, wherein the plurality of frames can be personalized by the multiple participants.

18. (original): The computer network system of claim 11, further comprising predefined standard annotations that can be selected from a menu, wherein the predefined standard annotations are configurable.

19. (currently amended): A computer readable medium providing instruction for communicating expressive information for meetings, the instructions comprising:

communicating personal information that includes names of the multiple participants through frames;

subdividing each frame into sub-areas, wherein each sub-area is dedicated to a specific aspect of a meeting, wherein the sub-areas are not distinct frames within a larger frame, and wherein displaying an icon in a first sub-area conveys a different expressive information from displaying the icon in a second sub-area;

communicating inputs and reactions of the multiple participants to a subject matter and other aspects of the meeting through the frames;

communicating comments or questions of the multiple participants in one or more annotation banners through the frames; and

communicating miscellaneous input from the multiple participants through the frames.

20. (original): The computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising instructions for communicating personal information that includes still or video pictures of the multiple participants through the frames.